

Paris

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Dear Yosh.

It was nice to hear from you and from Madison and to learn that the climate can even be worse than the one I had last winter, although it seems almost incredible!

I am now pretty busy, mostly in organization work, because I entered a new lab: the "Colonial snake's venoms lab" at the Pasteur Institute of Garches; Garches is a nice suburb of Paris (very fashionable, as a matter of fact, full of American officers of the S.A.P.E., which this is located two or three miles away) 9 miles from my home (South-West). I go to work every morning with my new car (a Citroën, four wheel drive) stay at work during lunch time (we have a sort of cafeteria) and come back around 6^h $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M., as a real American!

I try to learn something about snake's bite serotherapy, the subject is very much confused and there is very little said on which base some work. Anyhow my new boss: Dr Boquet, is very nice and understanding and, overall, extremely honest, which is a very encouraging sensation. But the lab is not very well equipped, as Boquet is mainly a physiologist and had relatively small equipment, finally things comes first in takes time and mind occupation!

So I am mainly involved in practical problems, either of organization or of applied research: we had the idea of trying the *golds* enhancing activity of hydrocortisone on subcutaneous administration as therapeutics sera, specially anti-snake sera. Then, on an other hand, I am still working on some improvements of the paper electrophoresis.

So we have, as you see, enough to keep our mind busy and do not occupy it by our hysteria, as the one caused by the last and incredible issue of Collier's!

As a matter of fact I would like to ~~keep~~^{get} it, and if you could send it to me I would be grateful.

I am still very much interested in our little arrangement on books and will go soon to buy the Winogradsky's treatise, and send it to you.

Concerning, on a other hand, buying for me:

- Annals of New-York Academy of Science 1950 (52) May 1950
(Symposium on Hyaluronidase.)

- Year Book of Physics and Chemistry 1951-1952 (If it is yet published)

I will probably ask you some other things for the new year, maybe, even, a subscription to a scientific periodical.

Don't hesitate to ask me anything you want, not only French but eventually Belgian, Dutch, German or Italian books (or anything else).

I hope time will not be too long before we can meet again, this time in France or Europe at least. I would like both of you to meet Suzanne ... Tell him also I am anxious to see him next summer.

With my friendly regards to both of you
Sincerely

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